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Hongkong, February 4, 1894. 228

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For the Hongkong and Shanghai

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Hongkong, May 15, 1893. 1615

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CAPITAL CANCELLED, £251,000. 15.0

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CHANTREY INCHBOLD,

Manager.

Hongkong, November 6, 1893. 247

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Hongkong, May 24, 1893. 47

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI

BANKING CORPORATION.

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RESERVE LIABILITY, \$10,000,000.

PROVISIONS, \$10,000,000.

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T. JACKSON,

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Hongkong, October 19, 1893. 880

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## Intimations.

THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS & SHIPBUILDERS, HONGKONG.

### NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

THE Third Annual General MEETING of MEMBERS will be held in the ROOMS, NO. 13, Praya Central, THIS EVENING, the 22nd January, at 8.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of Managing Committee and Statement of Accounts to the 1st December, 1893.

ROBERT MITCHELL,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 22, 1894. 71

VICTORIA LODGE

No. 1026.

A Regular MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FERE-MASON'S HALL, Zetland Street, THIS EVENING, the 22nd Instant, at 8.30 p.m. VISITING BRETHERS are cordially INVITED.

Hongkong, January 22, 1894. 128

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE Annual General MEETING will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, at 4.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 24th January, 1894.

ED. ROBINSON,  
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 20, 1894. 147

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixth Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th January, 1894, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1893.

THE REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 15th, to WEDNESDAY, the 24th January, 1894, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,

Secretary to the HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

General Agents for the West Point Building Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, January 8, 1894. 65

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifth Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th January, 1894, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1893.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,

Secretary to the HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

General Agents for the West Point Building Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, January 8, 1894. 66

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifth Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th January, 1894, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1893.

THE REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 15th, to WEDNESDAY, the 24th January, 1894, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,

Secretary to the HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

General Agents for the West Point Building Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, January 8, 1894. 67

THE AUSTIN ARMS HOTEL AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY General MEETING of the Company will be held at the OFFICES, 38 and 40, Queen's Road, Central, on SATURDAY, the 25th January, 1894, at 8.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving a Resolution of the Board of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1893.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 23rd January, 1894, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order,

JOHN A. SUPP,

Secretary.

Hongkong, January 13, 1894. 149

THE MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY General MEETING of the Company will be held at the OFFICES, 38 and 40, Queen's Road, Central, on SATURDAY, the 25th January, 1894, at 8.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving a Resolution of the Board of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1893.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 23rd January, 1894, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order,

R. ISHERWOOD,

Manager, MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.

Hongkong, October 3, 1893. 1765

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## To-day's Advertisements.

ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS  
THE NEW BALMORAL  
GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL \$160,000, Divided into 60,000 Shares of \$1 each, (of which not more than 25,000 will be offered for Subscription).

TERMS—60 cents per share on application, 60 " " on allotment, 60 " " on the 31st March, 1894, 60 " " on the 30th April, 1894.

The balance at call in instalments of not more than 60 cents per share— one month's notice to be given in respect of each instalment called up.

Application for Shares, accompanied by a deposit of 50 cents per share, must be sent to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on or before the 31st day of January, 1894.

For Forms of Application apply to the HONGKONG and SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, and the STOCKBROKERS' ASSOCIATION of HONGKONG.

General Manager at Hongkong: G. H. STEVENS.

Consulting Committee: DAVID GILLIES, JAMES BILLINGTON, COUGHLIN, POON FONG.

Secretary pro tem.: W. H. POTTS.

Bankers: THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Selectors: JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER.

THIS Company is formed to acquire all the properties and assets of the HIMALOAR GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, now in Liquidation, and hereinafter called the Old Company.

These properties and assets are as follows:—The properties known as 'The Balmoral,' 'The Queen of the Mount,' and 'The Eureka,' (for which £10,660 Cash was paid by the Old Company), and Machinery and other Assets necessary and useful to the New Company, will be paid for £4,000 making in all £14,660.

Costs to be paid on purchase from the Old Company and its Liquidator, 22,688 shares to be allotted to shareholders in the Old Company, £2 per share to be deemed to have been paid up, (and with a liability of £1 per share: 50 cents to be paid on application, and the balance to be at call) £45,372.

Debts owing by the Old Company and expenses to date of and including registration of the present Company..... 24,600

N.B.—Many of the creditors of the Old Company have consented to take fully paid-up shares in lieu of cash..... 88,972

For working capital— 81 per share on 22,688 shares above mentioned..... 22,688

43 per share on 18,114 shares..... 57,342

80,028

Capital of the Company.... \$160,000.

From the above Statement it will be seen that the Company pays the Old Company (in shares) considerably less than their cost for the purchase of the properties and machinery.

It is believed that the properties above mentioned contain very valuable minerals, the value being based on the following grounds:

(a) The favorable reports which have from time to time been made on the property by Messrs Cox and Son, and Mr. Lennard, independent mining experts of good standing and experience in Australia. Extracts from these reports accompany the Prospectus, and the reports themselves, together with Plans of the properties, are open to inspection at the Office of the Liquidator, No. 1, Duddell Street, Hongkong. From these and from the Extracts from the report of Mr. CARL WILHELM GROZ, the Liquidator of the Old Company, it appears that there is a consensus of opinion, on the part of those acquainted with the facts, that these are valuable mining properties.

(b) Gold to the value of £100,000 has been taken out of these properties and this without any real attempt to develop the mines by sinking deep shafts.

(c) The mines when worked by tributaries (i.e., a few minutes from time to time have leased the right to work) have been able to work the property for the workers. Before the Old Company was formed upwards of 3,645 oz. of gold were won from about 1,500 to 2,000 tons of stone, and within the past 12 months tributaries on the properties are getting out stone in considerable quantities, yielding from 4 oz. to 34 oz. to the ton. The workings of the tributaries will not interfere with the sinking of shafts and development of the property and their right of tribute will expire in September 1894.

(d) In parts of the Balmoral property the reef has yielded as much as 4 oz. to 7 oz. per ton, and it is confidently expected that, with certain necessary expenditure in sinking and driving and in the purchase of additional machinery, these properties will turn out gold in very paying quantities.

(e) The Government of New South Wales have issued 4,200 tons shaft-sinking to the Balmoral property, and the Government Prospecting Board described the Queen of the Mount as a splendid property.

(f) On the Queen of the Mount property, in 1892, 429 tons yielded 460 oz. to tributaries.

Both these properties and the Eureka property are more fully referred to in the extracts from Reports which accompany the Prospectus.

It is believed that the want of success of the Old Company was due to the gross mismanagement, ignorance and want of money at the mines. The present Company intend to secure the services of a business manager from Hongkong, whom the shareholders will have confidence in, and who has had much to do at the mines under similar management, the money of the Company will be applied honestly and satisfactorily in the development of the properties.

Prospectuses and Forms of Application for Shares can be obtained on application to the HONGKONG and SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, or from the STOCKBROKERS' ASSOCIATION of HONGKONG.

Hongkong, January 20, 1894.

## To-day's Advertisements.

LADIES' RECREATION CLUB  
THE Tenth Annual General MEETING  
of the LADIES' RECREATION  
CLUB will be held in the CITY HALL on  
TUESDAY, the 30th January, at 12 o'clock.

FLORENCE C. HAWKINS,  
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 22, 1894. 157

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR LONDON VIA PORTS OF CALL.  
The Co.'s Steamship  
Kintuck, G. H. Kintuck, Master,  
will be despatched above TO-MORROW, the 23rd instant, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For Freight, apply to  
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 22, 1894. 69

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.  
The Co.'s Steamship  
Hailong, Captain Roach, will be  
despatched for the above  
Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 24th Inst., at  
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLASS LAPRAK & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 22, 1894. 163

## OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.  
(Taking Cargo & Passengers through  
to NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW  
CHOW, TIENSIN, HANKOW  
and Ports on the YANGTZE RIVER.)

The Co.'s Steamship  
Tantalus, Captain Jones, will be  
despatched as above on  
WEDNESDAY, the 24th Inst., at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWINE, Agents.

Hongkong, January 22, 1894. 131

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.  
The Co.'s Steamship  
Yuenlong, Capt. Waddington, will be  
despatched as above on  
WEDNESDAY, the 24th Inst., at 5 p.m.  
This Steamer has superior First-class  
Passenger Accommodation.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 22, 1894. 154

## OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.  
The Co.'s Steamship  
Palmerston, Capt. Jackson, will be  
despatched as above on  
THURSDAY, the 25th Inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWINE, Agents.

Hongkong, January 22, 1894. 130

ACCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL STEAM-  
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STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND  
SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,  
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ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING  
STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND  
HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Record (via Nagasaki, Saki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Honshu) THURSDAY, Jan. 25, 1894, 1 p.m., Yokoama, 1 p.m.,

600 (via Nagasaki) WEDNESDAY, Feb. 14, 1 p.m.,

600 (via Nagasaki) KOREA, 1 p.m.,

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At the Magistracy this morning a boatman named Kwok Su was charged by William Bowles, second officer, *Empress of China*, with stealing a clock from the cabin of the complainant. The prisoner, who had been detected in the act of pawing the clock, was sent to prison for six months.

This morning, at the Magistracy, Tung Ut Chun, shopkeeper, was charged before Mr. H. E. Wodehouse, with having, on the 18th and 19th inst., wilfully and corruptly given false evidence at the Supreme Court in his examination upon oath before Sir Fielding Cocks, Chief Justice, in a case in which Lai Kit was charged with setting fire to his house 314a Queen's Road Central on 23rd November, 1893. Mr. A. B. Johnson, Crown Solicitor, appeared to prosecute. Some formal evidence having been given, the case was adjourned till Friday next. Bail was fixed in two hundred for \$1,000 each.

Liu Kiu, servant, was charged before Captain Hastings at the Magistracy this morning with stealing \$20 on 11th instant from a drawer in the house at Quarry Bay occupied by Charles Blake, engineer. The accused was further charged with stealing from the European quarters at Seaview Terrace, Quarry Bay, on the 13th or 14th instant, a silver watch, silver chain, silver cash, two metal clocks, and a quantity of cutlery, in all of the value of \$76. The accused admitted stealing the money. The other charge was departed from. His Worship sentenced the prisoner to six months' imprisonment. A sum of \$9.26 was given upon the accused was handed over to Mr. Blake.

We have to acknowledge with thanks receipt of a copy of the *Hongkong Chronicle* and *Directory* for 1894, published at the *Hongkong Daily Press* Office. The merits of the publication are so well known throughout the Far East that it is unnecessary to say a word of commendation with regard to the volume. We must say, however, that the *Chronicle* and *Directory* for this year are more thorough than ever. Among other new features it contains a plan of Hongkow from the survey just completed, a plan of the Peak district with a key, and the other plans have been brought up to date. There is a table of the Hongkong Licence, Trade Mark and Letters Patent Fees, the new Treaty between Franco and Siam. &c. The printing is much improved this year, while the features of accuracy and up-to-dates (without which any *Directory* is worse than useless) are more noticeable than ever. The alphabetical list, contains 16,242 names, over 1000 more than last year.

#### BALMOEAR GOLD MINING CO., LTD., IN LIQUIDATION.

This morning an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in the *Balmoear Gold Mining Co.*, Limited, was held in the office of the Company, Duddell Street. Mr. G. Stevens presided, and there were also present Messrs. C. G. (liquidator) A. D. Johnson (solicitor), F. G. Orange, E. J. Osborne, J. B. Coughtrie (directors), J. M. E. Machado, O. Wegener, and S. Rutherford.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, before asking you to confirm the resolutions passed at our last meeting, I would mention that in the interval we have had the advantage of getting an independent and voluntary opinion on the value of our properties, from Mr. C. E. Nichols, an experienced mining manager, who passed through the Colony a few days ago returning to Australia from Japan, where he had been settling the affairs of his late brother. Mr. Nichols saw our prospects at the *Hongkong* and Shanghai Bank, and being present with us, he tendered a minute and made enquiry with the result that he called on us and was shown samples of our stores, plans of our properties and given a general description of our mines with which he expressed himself as being very much pleased, saying that the "Queen's" value "is yielded only in an acre or two (with ref. to 3 to 3 feet wide) it should prove to us a fortune. He was also much impressed with the stone from the *Balmoear*, and said hard dark-blue quartz of that kind does not go near surface but will go down a great depth. Toshow the high opinion held by Mr. Nichols as a mining manager of the modern school, and thus a competent authority, I will read an extract from an article in the *Armidale Chronicle*, N. S. W., Aug. 10th, speaking with regret of his approaching departure from the New England district and of his successful management of the Rockville Freehold property, which appears to have been about on its last legs when he took charge. "It is not often that a mine manager can put to his credit such a good record as Mr. Nichols has in connection with the *Rockville Freehold*. To conclude the average of the miners in the Colony, but nothing of the kind was to be found, although the whole island underwent the most careful search by the party who landed; it is presumed that Chinese fishermen must have broken it up and carried it away for firewood. Two Chinese fishermen, however, were found living in a small hut on the island, and though the skid was described to them, they denied any knowledge of having seen it.

I inspected the graves and found them all in good order and quite untouched by any marauding Chinese or fishermen and nothing required doing to them excepting perhaps substantial crosses fixed over the grave mounds to make the respective places more prominent. The two fishermen already alluded to explained, through an interpreter, that there was no fear of anyone molesting the graves of their ancestors.

The *Rockville* is a gigantic one, the one being, however, of a comparatively low grade. It requires a doubling of the stampers, and a complete concentrating plant, and cheap ore-breaking. Mr. Nichols' work so far proves that he has been able to get 8 tons to the ton, and that average from a 6 ft. reef, to prove highly remunerative.

It is not some months since I took charge of the mine, which was then apparently at its last leg. The shares were quoted at \$10, and in fact it looked as if *Rockville* would be added to the list of New England failures. He made alterations in the battery and in the working of the mine, and the result was that for the past twelve months *Rockville* has had a market value of \$1000 per ton, and this is due to the present Mr. Nichols has kept up his averages.

Unfortunately, however, on the very eve of his triumph Mr. Nichols is going away, and though the work he has done will bear his fruit in the future, we fear constrained to award him the merit he has undoubtedly earned. In Mr. Nichols' departure the district loses the services of a gentleman who is a thorough miner in every respect. Starting quite unknown, he has shown us what can be done with *Rockville* and made a name for himself in that connection, and his work will

last.

The words on the obelisk are as follows:—

Created by the residents of Hongkong in memory of those who perished in the wreck of the *Bokhara* on the 10th October, 1892.

I was somewhat surprised to find that the names of the Europeans who were lost on this sad occasion were omitted.

Mr. B. Watkin, engineer of this ship, accompanied us on shore and various photographic views of the obelisk and scene of the disaster were taken, which will be duly forwarded when they are completed.

I thank you very fortunate in successfully

speak for itself. With this opinion we are sure the *Armidale* shareholders will agree unhesitatingly. To show the work done by Mr. Nichols we quote the following figures:— previous to his taking charge of the mine, the amount of stone crushed was 2,034 tons, the yield being 202 oz.; since then 600 oz., 18 dwts., an average of over 8 dwts. per ton. These figures need no comment.

Mr. Nichols, on being asked whether he is a relative of Professor Nicholas, the expert referred to at the last meeting, said in his 11th asserted that the Mount McDonald Gold Field, and he was not, but, however, the Professor to be a very clever man and one whose opinion could be thoroughly relied on. This is the last of a series of favourable reports received.

There being no questions, the Chairman proposed the first resolution passed at previous meeting, authorising the liquidator to sell the Company's property to the New Balmoral Company, Limited.

Mr. G. George seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Orange, the second resolution, sanctioning the final contract of sale, was also confirmed.

The Chairman said:—That is all the business of the meeting, and as the old company, which has had very unsatisfactory ones, has to be disposed of, with, I trust, a completely different result. (Applause.) I think there will be no doubt about the new company being formed; and I think we may look upon it as an assured fact, for I am told over 17,000 shares have already been promised and some already put up for the new company.

Now that you have confirmed the resolution it will be eligible for us to advertise the prospects of the new company, which will apparently appear in to-night's paper, and you will greatly facilitate matters by sending in your applications for new shares, and urging your friends to do the same, without delay, so that the allotment may proceed with soon after the 31st instant and carried through well before the China New Year. There is nothing further for us to do now but to thank you for your attendance.

#### THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY LIMITED.

The following is the fifth report of the Board of Directors to the Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders, of the above company, to be held on Monday, the 29th January, 1894.

Gentlemen.—The Directors now submit to you a statement of the affairs of the Company and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1893.

The balance of Profit and Loss Account for the year, after writing off all Charges and Expenses, also Bad Debts, will be \$4,493.81. The Directors therefore recommend that a Dividend of 70 cents per share be paid, which, after writing off the Balance of Preliminary Expenses together with Directors' and Auditors' Fees, will leave a balance of \$65.42 to be carried forward to the credit of a New Profit and Loss Account.

Directors.—Messrs. E. Jones Hughes and J. Gogman retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

Advertisers.—The Accounts have been audited by Messrs. Thos. Arnold and R. Lyall, who now retire and offer themselves for re-election.

F. Henderson, Chairman, Hongkong, 17th January, 1894.

#### THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the thirteenth annual report of the general managers of the above Company:—

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In the course of a report of the visit of H.M.S. *Porpoise* to the Pescadores, published in the *Government Gazette*, Captain Burr says:—

Her Majesty's ship *Porpoise* arrived off the Western side of Sand Island on 31st December, 1893, at 11 a.m., a fresh breeze blowing at the time which made communication difficult.

A working party in charge of an officer was at once sent ashore with appliances for breaking off the "skid" which was left.

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also much impressed with the stone from the *Balmoear*, and said hard dark-blue quartz of that kind does not go near surface but will go down a great depth. Toshow the high opinion held by Mr. Nichols as a mining manager of the modern school, and thus a competent authority, I will read an extract from an article in the *Armidale Chronicle*, N. S. W., Aug. 10th, speaking with regret of his approaching departure from the New England district and of his successful management of the *Rockville* Freehold property, which appears to have been about on its last legs when he took charge.

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I inspected the graves and found them all in good order and quite untouched by any marauding Chinese or fishermen and nothing required doing to them excepting perhaps substantial crosses fixed over the grave mounds to make the respective places more prominent. The two fishermen already alluded to explained, through an interpreter, that there was no fear of anyone molesting the graves of their ancestors.

The *Rockville* is a gigantic one, the one being, however, of a comparatively low grade. It requires a doubling of the stampers, and a complete concentrating plant, and cheap ore-breaking. Mr. Nichols' work so far proves that he has been able to get 8 tons to the ton, and that average from a 6 ft. reef, to prove highly remunerative.

It is not some months since I took charge of the mine, which was then apparently at its last leg.

The shares were quoted at \$10, and in fact it looked as if *Rockville* would be added to the list of New England failures. He

made alterations in the battery and in the working of the mine, and the result was that for the past twelve months *Rockville* has had a market value of \$1000 per ton, and this is due to the present Mr. Nichols has kept up his averages.

Unfortunately, however, on the very eve of his triumph Mr. Nichols is going away, and though the work he has done will bear his fruit in the future, we fear constrained to award him the merit he has undoubtedly earned. In Mr. Nichols' departure the district loses the services of a gentleman who is a thorough

miner in every respect. Starting quite unknown, he has shown us what can be done with *Rockville* and made a name for himself in that connection, and his work will

last.

The wreck of the *Bokhara* from October, 1892, to May, 1893, during which time she had only 16 working days, which shows how rare occasions are on which a trading vessel, and neighbouring islands, can be reached by the N.E. monsoon, which wind prevails at the Pescadores 5 months out of the year.

There is nothing left to be seen of the *Bokhara* above water, but I am informed in calm weather the boilers and engines can be distinctly made out in the bottom in about eight fathoms. I went to look at the place where she was wrecked, but in consequence of heavy surf could not get close enough to see for myself.

This is the opinion of the *Porpoise*, which is a relative of Professor Nicholas, the expert referred to at the last meeting. The *Porpoise* in 1891 asserted that the Mount McDonald Gold Field,

and he was not, but, however, the Professor to be a very clever man and one whose opinion could be thoroughly relied on. This is the last of a series of favourable reports received.

There being no questions, the Chairman proposed the first resolution passed at previous meeting, authorising the liquidator to sell the Company's property to the New Balmoral Company, Limited.

Mr. G. George seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Orange, the second resolution, sanctioning the final contract of sale, was also confirmed.

The Chairman said:—That is all the business of the meeting, and as the old company, which has had very unsatisfactory ones, has to be disposed of, with, I trust, a completely different result. (Applause.) I think there will be no doubt about the new company being formed; and I think we may look upon it as an assured fact, for I am told over 17,000 shares have already been promised and some already put up for the new company.

Now that you have confirmed the resolution it will be eligible for us to advertise the prospects of the new company, which will apparently appear in to-night's paper, and you will greatly facilitate

the work by sending in your applications for new shares, and urging your friends to do the same, without delay, so that the allotment may proceed with soon after the 31st instant and carried through well before the China New Year. There is nothing further for us to do now but to thank you for your attendance.

The following were the times at the finish:—

E. M. S.  
Pearl (1st) ..... 1 45 30  
Coral ..... 54 20  
She (2nd) ..... 1 55 25  
Seabreeze (3rd) ..... 1 55 40  
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The score now stands as follows:—

Pearl ..... 33  
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It is intended that there will be two races on Sunday, February 4, and the two races on the China New Year holidays, will be for the Garrison Cup.

#### HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS—FIELD BATTALION.

Another Sport Competition under the auspices of the Recreation Committee took place yesterday. The following were the winners:—

Score  
Sgt. Hayward ..... 83  
B. Sgts. Major Duncan ..... 73  
Corp. Sconderam ..... 68

B. Sgts. Major Duncan having declared himself out of the competition, the 2nd spoon was passed on to Corp. Sconderam. A spoon competition is again being arranged for Saturday, 27th inst.

#### CRICKET.

HILLS & PLAINS.

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City of Rio de Janeiro, (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama) ... THURSDAY, Feb. 1, at daylight.

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